

National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC). The NCBC examines requests after receiving the representations from time to time and sends advices to the Central Government for inclusion of such castes/communities in the Central list of OBCs.

Functioning of National Institutes for handicapped

2851. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered that the four National Institutes dealing with diverse handicapped people to avoid camps and have direct interaction on a sustained basis for benefit of handicapped people;

(b) whether it is a fact that some NGOs have been given numerous districts to be the nodal agencies for all handicapped works;

(c) if so, the names of NGOs who are in sole charge of more than four districts and the names of such districts;

(d) the reasons for this administrative decision to shrink the National Institutes; and

(e) the steps proposed to review this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the current financial year, no such proposal is there.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of above.

Establishment of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools in Orissa

2852. DR. RADHAKANT NAYAK: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ten Ekalavya Model Residential Schools have been established in the State of Orissa;

(b) the exact locations (district and blocks) and whether these Schools differ from the existing Ashram Schools and Sebashrams; and